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Federal Opportunities

Environmental Education Grants Program.

Environmental Protection Agency announces funds for environmental education. Education is defined as increasing public awareness and providing skills to make informed decisions. Educational priorities include:

- capacity building
- education reform
- health
- educating skills
- career development
- environmental justice

Proposals that only disseminate information will not be funded. All local education agencies, state government departments, universities and non-profit organizations are eligible. The deadline for all applications is November 22, 1999. Proposals requesting over \$25,000 must be directed to EPA Headquarters. Call Sheri Jojokian (202) 260-8619. Proposals requesting less must be sent to the Regional Office in Philadelphia. Contact Nan Ides (215) 814-5546. The complete application and an online tutorial can be accessed at: www.epa.gov/enviroed.

Training Program for Federal TRIO Program.

The Department of Education seeks proposals for training staff and leadership personnel employed in, or preparing for employment in, projects funded by the TRIO program. Institutions of higher education and public agencies and organizations are eligible to apply. The average award is expected to be \$250,000 to cover a two-year period. The deadline is December 10, 1999. For further information, contact Patricia Lucas at (202) 708-4804 or email patricia_lucas@ed.gov.

Exchanges and Training Programs for the New Independent States. *Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs* announces funds to develop citizen exchange programs that encourage the growth of democratic institutions. Women's leadership, public libraries, and business development are priorities. Eligibility includes all public and non-profit agencies and organizations. Up to \$130,000 federal funds are available for each project. Proposals with private sector support will be considered highly competitive. To request an application package, contact Thomas Driscoll at tdriscoll@usia.gov or (202) 260-6230.

Forecast of Discretionary Grant Programs for FY2000. *The Department of Education* has released information on their expected direct grants for the next fiscal year--a great help for strategic planning. Grant programs are available for community-based organizations, charter schools, and service-providers, in addition to schools and colleges. The forecast is posted at: www.ocfo.ed.gov/grntinfo. Or call the following contacts:

Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs
Harry Logel, (202) 205-5530

Educational Research and Improvement
Torey Evans, (202) 219-1561

Elementary and Secondary Education
Alda Giusti, (202) 260-1925

Postsecondary Education
Jane Wrenn, (202) 206-1471

Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
Donna Nangle, (202) 205-5880

Vocational and Adult Education
Richard Smith, (202) 205-5621

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Federal Opportunities, cont.

Select Areas of Early Head Start. *The Department of Health and Human Services with ACYF and ACF* invites proposals to become an Early Head Start program that provides continuous and comprehensive child development and family support services to low-income families. Programs will be started in select areas of Wards 1, 2, 4, and 5 through this competitive process. Existing Head Start programs and local public and private entities are eligible to apply. The deadline is November 23, 1999. For further information, contact Early Head Start at 1-800-351-2293. Copies of the notice and general information can be found reviewed at: www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/hsb.

District Opportunities

Innovative Assistive Technology. *DC Assistive Technology Program* requests proposals for initiatives that improve DC residents' access to AT devices, services and information. Funding is available for the development of consumer-driven, community-based programs that promote systems change, advocacy and access to efficient delivery of AT for individuals with disabilities of all ages. Individuals, public, private and non-profit organizations are eligible. Awards range from \$500 to \$20,000. The deadline is November 17, 1999. Contact Gil Shamir at (202) 547-0198 ext. 121 at University Legal Services for more information.

District Opportunities—Still Open

Family Violence Prevention Services. *DC Dept. of Human Services.* Funds are available to provide public information and education campaigns about domestic violence. The three areas of focus are: Asian populations; Latino populations; and education and technical assistance. Applications may be obtained at Family Services Administration, Randall School Building, Room 214 A, 65 I St. SW. The deadline is Oct. 4th at 4:45pm.

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant. *DC Dept. of Health, Preventive Health Services Administration (PHSA).* Applications can be picked up from 9/21-9/28 at PHSA, 825 N. Capitol St. NE, Third Floor. The deadline is October 22 at 4:45pm.

Private Funding Opportunities

Housing and Community Development, Fannie Mae Foundation. Grants are available for the DC area from this major foundation. Previously, funds have been awarded for low-income housing support and renovation activities. There are no deadlines for applications, and the board meets four times annually. For more information call (202) 274-8000 and check: www.fanniemae.foundation.org.

Jobs and Living Wage Campaign for the Poor. *The Discount Foundation* announces grants support for the development of strategies that improve job opportunities, wages and benefits for the poor. Funds can also be used to promote innovative public policies that create job opportunities. DC is a targeted area, too. Awards will range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 and last year 28 were granted. Applicants should send a one-page informational letter by October 15 describing their organization and proposed project to Susan Chin, The Discount Foundation, 409 Crater Court, Henderson, NV 89104, (702) 547-6319.

Literacy, Laubach Literacy's 1999 National Book Scholarship Fund. Books and other in-kind donations are available for literacy organizations working with under-served populations such as the homeless and refugees. Adult and English as a second language programs are also eligible. Contact Mara Roberts at (315) 422-9121 or email mroberts@laubach.org.

Math and Science Education, The Toshiba America Foundation. Grants of up to \$1,000 are available for math and science projects in K-6 classrooms. Elementary teachers are encouraged to contact the foundation for an application form. Email foundation@tai.toshiba.com or call (212) 588-0820.